Approved For Release 2004/02/04: CIA-RDP67B00446R000500130001-2 NATIONAL SECURITY AMENDMENT OFFERED BY SENATOR DODD TO H. R. 6097



There is no Federal law against murdering the principal officers of the Government responsible for our national security.

A madman, a subversive conspirator, or any other culprit can murder the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the FBI, the Director of the CIA, or the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning, without being subject to investigation, apprehension, and trial under Federal jurisdiction for that crime.

Yet, history and logic tell us that these Government officials are the most likely targets for the bullets of assassins of any stripe.

History tells us that Lincoln's assassins also nearly succeeded in murdering Secretary of State Seward the same night, and sought to kill Vice President Johnson as part of the same plot.

Logic tells us that the contemporaneous murder of the President, his successors-in-office, and their principal advisors and administrators in national security matters could very likely be a part of an enemy plan to subvert or destroy the United States.

Therefore, it ignores history and logic to make the murder of the President or those in the line of succession to the Presidency a Federal crime, but to leave the murder of the nation's principal national security advisors beyond the reach of Federal jurisdiction.

Therefore, I would include in the coverage of H. R. 6097 the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

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AMENDMENT

Intended to be proposed by Mr. Dodd to H. R. 6097, a bill to amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for the assassination of the President or the Vice President, and for other purposes.

On page 1, strike out the title of the bill and insert in lieu thereof the following:

To amend Title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for the assassination of certain Federal officers, and for other purposes.

On page 1, beginning with line 6, strike out all down through line 9 and insert in lieu thereof:

"Chapter 84 - Assassination, Kidnapping, and Assault of Certain Federal Officers

"S. 1751 - Assassination, Kidnapping, and Assault of Certain Federal Officers; penalties

On page 2, beginning with line 3, strike out all down through line 6 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

States, the Vice President elect; any individual who is acting as President under the Constitution and laws of the United States; the Secretary of Defense; the Director, Central Intelligence Agency; the Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and the Director, Office of Emergency Planning, shall be punished as provided by sections 1111 and 1112 of this title.

On page 4, strike out line 3 and insert in lieu thereof the following:

a new chapter reference as follows:

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